

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE



**DC STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE
FEDERAL AGENCY SECTION 106 REVIEW FORM**

TO: Mr. Michael Commisso, Cultural Resources Program Manager, NPS, National Mall & Memorial Parks

ADDRESS: Via email to: michael_commisso@nps.gov

PROJECT NAME/DESCRIPTION: Proposed Installation of the FDR Prayer Plaque

PROJECT ADDRESS/LOCATION DESCRIPTION: WWII Memorial; Circle of Remembrance

DC SHPO PROJECT NUMBER: 16-0044

The DC State Historic Preservation Office (DC SHPO) has reviewed the above-referenced federal undertaking(s) in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and has determined:

This project will have **no effect** on historic properties. No further DC SHPO review or comment will be necessary.

There are **no historic properties** that will be affected by this project. No further DC SHPO review or comment will be necessary.

This project will have **no adverse effect** on historic properties. No further DC SHPO review or comment will be necessary.

This project will have **no adverse effect** on historic properties **conditioned upon fulfillment of the measures stipulated below.**

Other Comments / Additional Comments (see below):

Based upon the results of our May 4, 2015 site visit and the review of the recent project submittal, we understand that the proposed "prayer plaque" or inscription of the prayer that FDR prayed on D-Day will be installed at one location near the "Circle of Remembrance" - which was identified in the project submittal as Alternative A (see attached map). Although the final, specific location and design have not yet been finalized, the plaque/inscription will be modest in size and scale and compatible with the surrounding memorial and East and West Potomac Parks Historic District. For these reasons, we agree that the proposed APE is sufficient and concur that the undertaking will have "no adverse effect" on historic properties, including archaeological resources, provided that we are given additional opportunities to review and comment on the selection of the final location and designs and that any such comments will be incorporated into the project.

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DATE: November 10, 2015

Potential Locations for the D-Day Prayer within the Circle of Remembrance

This site is the best match for the criteria for site selection outlined at the beginning of the analysis.

Therefore, several possible locations within this site have been identified for the siting of the D-Day Prayer:

- **Option One:** Replace existing wood benches (and possibly the fieldstone wall) with granite benches to match those in the primary Memorial precinct. The D-Day Prayer could be sited in the center of the bank of benches. In order to protect views from Constitution Gardens, the benches and D-Day Prayer shall not be any taller than the existing fieldstone wall.
- **Option Two:** The D-Day Prayer could be sited within the central planter.
- **Option Three:** The D-Day Prayer could be sited within the planter at the entrance of the Circle of Remembrance.
- **Option Four:** The D-Day Prayer could be sited on the paving area at the entrance of the Circle of Remembrance.

